



**BID ADVERTISEMENT/INVITATION TO BID**

**JULY 1, 2011**

Project Title:

**GLEN LAUREL TO ZION CHURCH RD SEWER UPSIZING**

**Contract 2009-067**

Project Description:

The proposed Work is generally described as follows. This project includes the construction and installation of approximately 3,150 linear feet of 24" and 15" sanitary sewer line in the outfall, including 2 major open cut stream crossings, one minor open cut stream crossings, and two major stream crossings via dry bore, and one road crossing via dry bore.

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Concord (Owner) at the address below. Please submit notarized bids in a sealed envelope by the bid opening time and date. All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with the City of Concord Engineering Department. Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina. Bids will be received on a unit price basis. A five percent (5%) Bid security must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance Bond and a Construction Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract. Contractor and all Subcontractors will be required to conform to the labor standards set forth in the Contract Documents. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, and will award to lowest responsible Bidder taking into consideration quality, performance, and time specified in Bid Form for performance of Work. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities. **TO BE CONSIDERED AS A BIDDER FOR THIS PROJECT, CONTRACTORS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY OF CONCORD BY SENDING AN EMAIL THAT INCLUDES YOUR NAME AND COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION TO [churchwellj@concordnc.gov](mailto:churchwellj@concordnc.gov)**

Engineer: City of Concord Engineering Department  
Alfred M. Brown Operations Center  
850 Warren C. Coleman Blvd. (Highway 601 S Bypass)  
P O Box 308, Concord, NC 28026-0308

For **TECHNICAL QUESTIONS**: Jana Churchwell, EI, 704.920.5405 or 704.920.5425

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM  
DUNCAN PARNELL, 651 Church St. N., Concord, NC 28025, 704.782.2625  
CONTACT DUNCAN PARNELL FOR BID PACKAGE PRICING.**

Bid Opening Date: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 3:00 p.m., 2011**

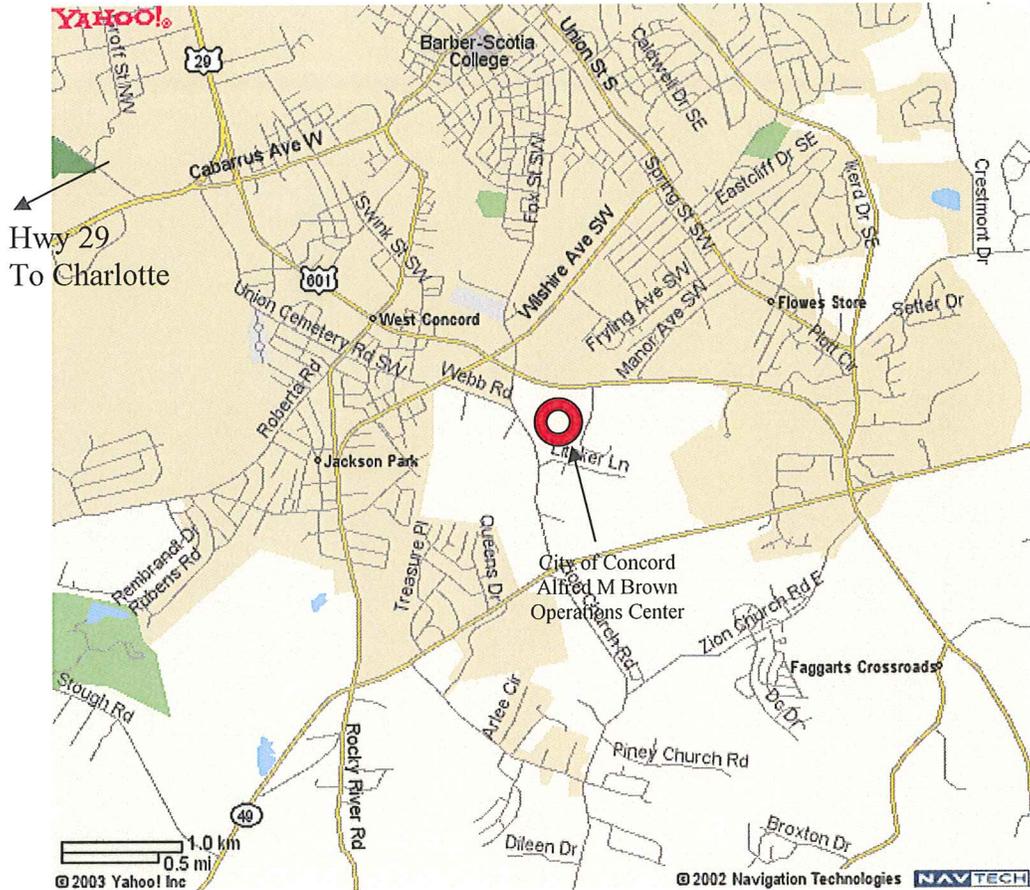
Location: City of Concord, Alfred M. Brown Operations Center  
850 Warren C. Coleman Blvd. (Hwy 601 S.)  
Conference Room C, Concord, NC 28026  
(See attached map/directions)

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

*Engineering Department  
Alfred M. Brown Operations Center*

City of Concord • 850 Warren C. Coleman Blvd. • P.O. Box 308 • Concord, North Carolina 28026  
(704) 920-5425 • Fax (704) 786-4521 • TDD 1-800-735-8262 • [www.ci.concord.nc.us](http://www.ci.concord.nc.us)

# MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO CITY OF CONCORD ALFRED M BROWN OPERATIONS CENTER



## Directions from Charlotte

Take I-77 north to I-85 north from Charlotte to Concord  
From I-85 north, take exit 49 to the right towards Lowe's Motor Speedway  
At the Lowe's Motor Speedway, turn left onto Highway 29 (Concord Pkwy) north  
Keep going north while you pass the Wal-Mart shopping center on your right  
Turn right at the light at the Chevrolet dealership onto Cabarrus Avenue  
Turn right at the next traffic light at the Walgreens onto Hwy 601 South (bypass)  
(Hwy 601 S is also Warren C. Coleman Boulevard)  
Go straight through two traffic lights at Old Charlotte Road and Wilshire Avenue  
Pass the Bi-Lo shopping center on your left  
Turn right at the next traffic light at Manor Avenue (blue & white sign on right  
for the City of Concord Alfred M. Brown Operations Center)  
You will be on the entrance road into our complex  
Follow signs to the left to Visitor Parking.  
Proceed to the front desk at the Administration Building and sign in with the  
receptionist



**PROJECT  
SITE**



North Carolina One-Call Center

[www.nc811.org](http://www.nc811.org)

North Carolina One Call Center, Inc., a non-profit organization funded by participating utility companies and municipalities in the interest of community and job safety and improved service through damage reduction to the utilities.

**A ONE CALL TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER, 1-800-632-4949, OR 811, PROVIDES AN AVENUE TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS FROM ANY POINT WITHIN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

Anyone proposing to excavate, dig, bore, tunnel, blast or disturb the earth in any manner in which buried utilities may be damaged is requested to call the toll-free number between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, forty-eight hours before starting the proposed work.

Within minutes of your telephone call, the participating members will be made aware of your plans and will be given pertinent information that has been provided by you about your planned work. You will be told the names of the participating members from whom you can expect a response - if there are buried facilities in the path of your activity, the route of the utilities will be staked and/or marked at no expense to you. If there are no facilities in the area of the planned work, you will be called or notified by a representative of a participating company accordingly.

Should a non-participating utility operator be serving your area, we recommend that you call them on an individual basis. All utility operators, whether company or municipality, will be provided an opportunity to become a member of North Carolina One Call Center, Inc. Naturally, knowing the route of utilities, the excavator is expected to exercise caution and to avoid damage as the project progresses.

Damage prevention does not just happen – it is a planned and orderly process through which each of us can participate - **YES, WE CAN AND WE WILL DRAMATICALLY REDUCE DAMAGES TO THE UTILITIES IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA!! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.**

**BEFORE YOU DIG**  
IN THE INTEREST OF COMMUNITY AND JOB SAFETY AND IMPROVED SERVICE

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**1-800-632-4949**

**811**



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. DEFINED TERMS. Terms used in these Instructions to Bidders are meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions. An additional term is defined as follows:

Successful Bidder - The lowest, qualified, responsible, and responsive Bidder to whom Owner (on the basis of Owner's evaluation as herein provided) makes an award.

2. COPIES OF BID DOCUMENTS. Bid Documents which include all front-end documents may be obtained from Owner at address indicated on

Invitation to Bid on the following basis:

<b>Complete set of Bid Documents</b>	<u>Charge</u> <b>CONTACT DUNCAN-PARNELL, CONCORD</b> <b>704.782.2625</b>
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Partial sets of Bid Documents will not be issued in response to requests by subject matter.

Complete sets of Bid Documents must be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misrepresentations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Quoting Documents.

Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Quoting Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

3. QUALIFICATIONS OF Bidders. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, Bidder may be required to submit written evidence on financial data, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data as may be requested by Owner or Engineer. Each Bid must contain evidence of Bidder's qualification to do business in the state where the Project is located, or Bidder must agree to obtain such qualification prior to award of the Contract.

4. EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE. It is the responsibility of each Bidder, before submitting a Bid, to (a) thoroughly examine the Contract Documents, (b) visit the site to become familiar with local conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work, (c) consider federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work, (d) study and carefully correlate Bidder's observations with the Contract Documents, and (e) notify Engineer of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies discovered by Bidder in the Contract Documents.

4.02. Underground Facilities. Information and data reflected in the Contract Documents with respect to underground facilities at or contiguous to the site are based upon information and data furnished to Owner and Engineer by owners of such underground facilities or others, and Owner and Engineer disclaim responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof unless it is expressly provided otherwise in the Supplementary Conditions.

4.03. Additional Information. Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder will, at Bidder's own expense, make or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, and studies and obtain any additional information and data which pertain to the physical conditions (surface, subsurface, and underground facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work and which Bidder deems necessary to determine its Bid for performing and furnishing the Work in accordance with the time, price, and other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

On request 24 hours in advance, Owner will provide each Bidder access to the site to conduct such explorations and tests as each Bidder deems necessary for submission of a Bid. Bidder shall fill all holes and clean up and restore the site to its former condition upon completion of such explorations. Arrangements for site visits shall be made by calling the office of the Director of Engineering for the City of Concord at 704.920.5425.

4.04. Easements. The lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and other lands designated for use by Contractor in performing the Work are identified in the Contract Documents. All additional lands and access thereto required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment are to be provided by Contractor. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing structures are to be obtained and paid for by Owner unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.

4.05. Unit Price Contracts. Bidders must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimated quantities in the Bid schedule by examination of the site and a review of the drawings and the specifications, including the addenda. After Bids have been submitted, the Bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of work or the nature of the work to be done.

4.06. Bidder's Representation. The submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement concerning examination of the Contract Documents and the site, that without exception the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Contract Documents, and that the Contract Documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

5. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Quoting Documents and the Contract Documents shall be submitted to Owner in writing. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Owner in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by Engineer as having received the Quoting Documents. Questions received less than 10 days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only answers issued by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

6. **BID SECURITY**. **Each Proposal must be accompanied by a deposit equal to 5% of the net price bid.** This deposit may consist of cash, or a Cashier's Check issued by, or a Certified Check drawn on a Bank or Trust Company authorized to do business in North Carolina, or on a Bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or a U.S. Money Order, payable to the City of Concord or 5% Bid Bond in the form required by G.S. 143-129 as amended, issued by an Insurance Company authorized to do business in North Carolina, said deposit to be retained in the event of failure of the successful bidder to execute a formal contract within ten (10) days after award or to give satisfactory surety required.

The Bid security of the Successful Bidder (if so required) will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required contract security (if so required), and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the Bid security will be returned. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the Bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The Bid security (if so required) of other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of 7 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the day after the last day the Bid remain subject to acceptance as set forth in the Bid Form, whereupon Bid security furnished by such Bidders will be returned. Bid security accompanying Bid which are deemed by Owner to be noncompetitive will be returned within 7 days after the designated Bid opening.

7. CONTRACT TIMES. The numbers of calendar days within which, or the dates by which, the Work is to be substantially completed and also completed and ready for final payment (the Contract Times) are set forth in the Bid Form.

8. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Agreement.

9. SUBSTITUTES OR "OR-EQUAL ITEMS. Bidder's attention is directed to Article 6.5 of the General Conditions concerning substitutes and "or-equal" items. Where an item or material is specified by a proprietary name, it is done for the purpose of establishing a basis of quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. The Engineer's intent is to consider alternative products which have the desired essential characteristics. The Engineer will consider any such products offered. Requests for acceptance of alternative products shall be made through Bidders quoting as prime Contractors. Acceptances for substitutions will not be granted directly to suppliers, distributors, or subcontractors. Pursuant to Section 133-3, General Statutes of North Carolina, the following procedures shall be used:

Bidders desiring to submit alternative product proposals for prior acceptance of the Engineers shall submit, in writing, such proposals from n/a, until n/a. Applications received after this time will not be reviewed. Each such request shall include the name of the material or equipment for which it is to be substituted and a complete description of the proposed substitute, including drawings, cuts, performance and test data, and other information necessary for an evaluation. A statement setting forth any changes in other materials, equipment, or other work that incorporation of the substitute would require shall be included. The Engineer shall consider and either accept or reject all alternative product proposals submitted.

If, by the close of the fifth day prior to the deadline for receiving Bid, the Engineer has accepted any alternative product proposals, the Quoting Documents shall be modified to include the alternative products. The Engineer shall publish the modification in an Addenda at least 5 days prior to the deadline for receiving Bids. The Engineer's decision of acceptance or rejection of a proposed substitute shall be final.

10. SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS. If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material and equipment) to be submitted to Owner in advance of a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, the apparent Successful Bidder, and any other Bidder so requested, shall within 3 days after the opening submit to Owner the List of Subcontractors completed with all such Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work for which such identification is required. The list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, person, or organization, if requested by Owner. If Owner or Engineer after due investigation has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or organization, Owner may, before the Notice of Award is given, request the apparent Successful Bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in the Bid.

All Subcontractors shall be a licensed utility contractor in the State of North Carolina.

11. BID FORM. The Bid Form is bound in the Quoting Documents and shall not be removed therefrom. Bid Forms must be completed in ink.

Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign for the corporation). Bids by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner. Bids by joint ventures shall be signed

by each participant in the joint venture or by a representative of the joint venture accompanied by evidence of authority to sign for the joint venture.

The names of all persons signing shall be legibly printed below the signature. A Bid by a person who affixes to his signature the word "president", "secretary", "agent", or other designation without disclosing his principal may be held to be the Bid of the individual signing. When requested by Owner, evidence of the authority of the person signing shall be furnished.

All blanks in the Bid Form shall be filled. A Bid price shall be indicated for each unit price item listed therein, or the words "No Bid", "No Charge", "No Change", or other appropriate phrase shall be entered.

The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda; the numbers and dates of which shall be filled in on the Bid Form.

No alterations in Bids, or in the printed forms therefore, by erasures, interpolations, or otherwise will be acceptable unless each such alteration is signed or initialed by the Bidder; if initialed, Owner may require the Bidder to identify any alteration so initialed.

11.01. Bid Pricing. The Bidder shall complete the schedule of unit prices included in the Bid Form and shall accept all fixed unit prices listed therein.

The total Bid will be determined as the sum of the products of the estimated quantity of each item and the unit price Bid. The final Contract Price will be subject to adjustment according to final measured, used, or delivered quantities as provided in Article 9.7 of the General Conditions, and the unit prices in the Bid will apply to such final quantities except that unit prices will be subject to change by Change Order as stipulated in the Supplementary Conditions.

11.02. Contingency. The Contingency is to be added to the Bid price and is to be used for minor change order items. If the Contingency is to be used, a scope of work and price would be negotiated. The Contingency is for the sole use of Owner. A change order will be issued to delete any unauthorized portion of the Contingency.

12. SUBMISSION OF BIDS. Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Invitation to Bid, or the modified time and place indicated by Addendum. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope or wrapping, addressed to:

The City of Concord  
W. Brian Hiatt, City Manager  
c/o Sue Hyde, PE, City Engineer  
P.O. Box 308  
850 Warren C. Coleman Blvd.  
Concord, North Carolina 28026-0308

Bids shall be marked with the name, license number, and address of the Bidder and shall be accompanied by the Bid security (if required) and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it.

Each Bid envelope shall be identified on the outside with the words **'BID FOR GLEN LAUREL TO ZION CHURCH RD SEWER UPSIZING PROJECT #2009-067**

Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of Bids. Bids received after the time and date for receipt of Bids will be returned unopened.

**One copy of the bound documents containing the Bid Form must be submitted with the Bid.**

Oral, telephone, facsimile, or telegraph Bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

No Bidder may submit more than one Bid. Multiple Bids under different names will not be accepted from one firm or association.

A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.

13. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner that a Bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to the opening of Bids.

If, within 24 hours after Bids are opened, any Bidder files a duly signed, written notice with Owner and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, that Bidder may withdraw its Bid and the Bid security (if any) will be returned. Thereafter, that Bidder will be disqualified from further quoting on the Work to be provided under the Contract Documents.

14. OPENING OF BIDS. Bids will be opened at the office and at the discretion of the Director of Engineering and read aloud.

The procedure for opening Bids will follow guidelines issued by the State Building Commission dated December 10, 1990, and endorsed by the Consulting Engineers Council of North Carolina.

15. BIDS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE. All Bids will remain subject to acceptance for the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, but Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the security (if any) prior to that date.

16. AWARD OF CONTRACT. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, and will award to lowest responsible Bidder taking into consideration quality, performance, and time specified in Bid Form for performance of Work. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities.

In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider the qualifications of the Bidders, whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternatives, unit prices, and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.

Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work for which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Owner also may consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work when such data is required to be submitted prior to the Notice of Award.

Owner may conduct such investigations as Owner deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any Bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents to Owner's satisfaction within the prescribed time.

If the Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates to Owner that the award will be in the best interests of Owner. If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid

Form. The evaluation of Suppliers' or manufacturers' data submitted with the Bid, or submitted upon request prior to the Notice of Award, will include consideration of the following:

Owner-required inventory of spare parts.

Building design changes which would be required to accommodate the proposed materials and equipment.

Installation requirements and related engineering, training, and operating costs.

Experience and performance record of the Supplier or the manufacturer.

Maintenance and frequency of inspections required to assure reliable performance of the equipment.

Suppliers' or manufacturers' service facilities and availability of qualified field service personnel.

Efficiency and related operating expense during the anticipated useful life of the equipment.

17. CONTRACT SECURITY. The General Conditions set forth Owner's requirements as to Performance and Payment Bonds (required). These Bonds shall be delivered to Owner with the executed Agreement.

18. SIGNING OF AGREEMENT. When Owner gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it will be accompanied by two unsigned counterparts of the Agreement with all other written Contract Documents attached. Within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, the Successful Bidder shall sign, leaving the dates blank, and deliver the required number of counterparts of the Agreement and attached documents to Owner with the required Bonds and power of attorney. Within 30 days thereafter, Owner shall execute all copies of the Agreement and other Contract Documents submitted by Contractor (Successful Bidder); shall insert the date of contract on the Agreement, Bonds, and power of attorney; and shall distribute signed copies as stipulated in the Agreement.

Should the Owner not execute the Contract within the period specified, the Successful Bidder may, by written notice, withdraw his signed Contract. Such notice or withdrawal shall be effective upon receipt of the notice by the Owner.

19. SALES AND USE TAXES. Provisions for sales and use taxes, if any, are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.

20. RETAINAGE. Provisions concerning retainage are set forth in the Agreement.

21. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. Modifications, if any, to the General Conditions concerning Laws and Regulations are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions. Additional provisions, if any, concerning Laws and Regulations are set forth in the Agreement.

21.01. Collusive Bidding. In accordance with Section 112(c) of Title 23 USC, and G.S. 75-5(b)(7) of the State of North Carolina, the Contractor (Bidder), by submission and execution of this bid or Bid, certifies that he has not entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding or quoting in connection with his Bid on this project.

End of Section